

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor comprising a first member, a second member that is rotatable with respect to the first member about a pivot axis, and magnetic means that is operable up to a certain torque to restrain movement of the second member from one angular position with respect to the first member, wherein said magnetic means comprises a first magnet associated with the first member and a second magnet associated with the second member, said first magnet being coaxially aligned with respect to said second magnet wherein said first magnet and said second magnet are disposed to have confronting faces that are spaced apart to define an air gap therebetween, and means is provided to adjust the spacing between confronting faces of said first magnet and said second magnet.

2. (Original) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1 in which said one angular position corresponds to a desired registration of the first and second members.

Claim 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which the magnetic means is operable to bias the second member into said one angular position when displaced therefrom.

5. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which the first and second members have co-axial spaced apart mutually facing surfaces.

Claim 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which the magnetic means comprises a plurality of magnetically co-operable components at least one of which is associated with the first member and at least one of which is associated with the second member.

8. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which the magnetic means comprises at least one permanent magnet.

9. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which the magnetic means comprises at least one ferro-magnet.

Claims 10-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim [[10]] 1 in which a small said air gap between the magnetically co-operable components said first magnet and said second magnet creates a magnetic flux that provides said restraining effect.

14. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor, comprising:

(i) first and second plates located in co-axial, spaced apart relationship so as to provide mutually facing surfaces,

(ii) bearing means located between the plates whereby one plate is rotatable with respect to the other plate, and

(iii) one component of at least one pair of co-operable components being mounted on each plate, at least one of which pair of components is a permanent magnet adapted, in one angular position of the rotary plate with respect to the non-rotary plate, to be brought into registration with a relatively small air gap between confronting adjacent surfaces of the two co-operable components to create a magnetic flux that, up to a certain torque restrains rotation, and in other angular positions without registration permits free rotation unless and until re-registration occurs wherein said components of said at least one pair of co-operable components mounted on each plate are co-axially aligned with respect to one another and means is provided to adjust the spacing between confronting surfaces of said two co-operable components.

15. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which one of the first and second members has an annular skirt or rim extending therefrom toward the other one of the members.

16. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 15 in which the skirt encloses the magnetic means.

Claims 17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim [[10]] 1 in which ~~one component of said at least one pair~~ said first magnet is a permanent magnet and ~~the other component of the pair~~ said second magnet is a ferro-magnetic element.

20. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim [[10]] 1 in which both ~~components of said at least one pair~~ said first magnet and said second magnet are permanent magnets.

21. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which a disc is used for said first magnet or said second magnet.

22. (Previously Presented) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 1, in which either the first magnet or the second magnet is arcuate.

23. (Currently Amended) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim [[10]] 1, in which a plurality of pairs of magnetically co-operable components are used and disposed at spaced positions on a common pitch circle diameter.

24. (Original) A support structure for a castor as claimed in claim 23 in which two pairs of magnetically co-operable components are used that are located 180° apart.

Claims 25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A castor suitable for a manually movable trolley and comprising a support structure according to claim 1.

28. (Original) A castor as claimed in claim 27 and comprising a wheel, roller or other ground engaging rolling element that is mounted rotatably with respect to a support bracket.

29. (Previously Presented) A castor as claimed in claim 27 in which the support bracket constitutes or forms part of the aforesaid second member.

30. (Previously Presented) A trolley provided with at least one castor as claimed in claim 27.

31. (Original) A trolley as claimed in claim 30 when provided with four castors.

32. (Previously Presented) A trolley as claimed in claim 30 when manually movable.

Claims 33-35. (Canceled)